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Bill Text and Background for the Week of March 31, 2008

- H.R. 5501 – Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008
- H.R. 4847 – U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization

H.R. 5501 - TOM LANTOS AND HENRY J. HYDE UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP AGAINST HIV/AIDS, TUBERCULOSIS, AND MALARIA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2008

(Rep. Berman - Foreign Affairs) (Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee: Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol, [Special Announcement](#), [Amendment Process Announcement](#)

Committee: [Committee on Foreign Affairs](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-5021

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

Key Provisions of H.R. 5501, the “Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008”

The “United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008” authorizes \$50 billion for the United States’ bilateral and multilateral programs to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis (TB) and malaria for fiscal years 2009 through 2013. It seeks to continue the bipartisan commitment to aggressively prevent, treat, and care for those living with HIV/AIDS, and cure those with TB and malaria in the least developed countries by launching a second five-year strategy to achieve these goals.

In the first five years of the U.S. response to the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, U.S. policy was driven by the urgency of an emergency response. Under this bill, the United States will develop and implement strategies to transition from the emergency phase to long-term sustainability that can be maintained by the host countries. The new authorization also seeks to further integrate HIV/AIDS programs with TB and malaria programs and create linkages and referrals between them. It enhances testing and treatment under a new strategy to stop the spread of TB, including drug-resistant strains, and requires a comprehensive five year strategy to combat malaria.

The Lantos-Hyde bill strengthens health care delivery systems and rebuilds health care workforces to boost host country capacities to reach and provide HIV/AIDS services to populations that are difficult to reach. Lastly, H.R. 5501 includes a provision that employs the expertise of the Department of the Treasury to work with the finance and health ministries of focus countries to establish public finance management systems for greater accountability.

This legislation has the support of Foreign Affairs Chairman Howard Berman, Ranking Republican Member Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and the White House.

Key Themes for HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria Policy

- Authorizes a total of \$50 billion for programming to combat the three diseases under the Act for FY 2009 to 2013.
- Continues the ABC model aimed at prevention with strong emphasis on delay of sexual debut, abstinence, partner reduction, and life-skills programs, particularly for women and girls.

- Authorizes HIV/AIDS programs to include linkages to food and nutrition, education and health care programs.
- Increases U.S. contributions to the Global Fund.
- Provides support for scientific research for new vaccines, microbicides, and prevention technologies.
- Strengthens health systems in host countries including hospitals, clinics, laboratories, supply chain management systems, and health workforce capacity building.
- Strengthens the key role of partnerships for community programs, scientific research, policy development and coordination.
- Addresses the particular vulnerabilities to these diseases that are faced by women and children.
- Requires additional reporting to Congress on issues related to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria.

Key Features of HIV/AIDS Policy

- Increases the authorization for U.S. contributions to the Global Fund from \$1 billion to \$2 billion per year.
- Overturns the controversial and ineffective 1/3 abstinence-only requirement that applies to global HIV/AIDS prevention funding and promotes a “balanced” prevention program in target countries, including all elements of the Abstinence, Faithfulness, and Condoms (ABC) approach towards HIV prevention.
- Requires a report to Congress if behavioral change programs, such as abstinence and fidelity, do not receive 50% of the funds devoted to the prevention of sexual transmission of HIV in countries in which there is a generalized HIV epidemic.
- Strengthens language on countering HIV/AIDS for victims of trafficking.
- Enhances programs to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV and strengthens programs to address HIV transmission to women and youth more comprehensively.
- Authorizes the expenditure of global HIV/AIDS funding to provide HIV/AIDS testing and counseling services in family planning programs supported by the U.S. government.
- Authorizes HIV/AIDS programs to include linkages to food and nutrition programs to support individuals with HIV/AIDS and those who are in treatment for the disease.
- Sets targets to treat 3 million people, prevent 12 million new infections, provide care for 12 million people living with HIV/AIDS including 5 million orphans with HIV/AIDS, and train health professionals for HIV/AIDS prevention treatment and care.
- Strengthens the role of the Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat HIV/AIDS Globally.

Key Features of Tuberculosis Policy

- Incorporates H.R. 1567, the Stop Tuberculosis (TB) Now Act of 2007 sponsored by Congressman Engel.
- Creates linkages and requires patient referrals between HIV/AIDS and TB programs.
- Creates new strategy to stop TB by enhancing testing and treatment in countries with high TB rates.
- Creates new strategies for attacking MDR and XDR forms of drug-resistant TB.
- Provides assistance for the World Health Organization Stop Tuberculosis Partnership to meet WHO goals to cut TB deaths and infections in half by 2016.
- Authorizes \$4 billion in funding for stop TB programs for FY 2009-2013 out of the overall amounts authorized by the Act.

Key Features of Malaria Policy

- Requires the President to develop a comprehensive 5-year strategy to combat malaria globally and strengthen United States leadership against this disease.
- Creates a new Coordinator of United States Government Activities to Combat Malaria Globally.
- Authorizes United States contributions to the WHO Roll Back Malaria Partnership to improve capacity of countries with high rates of malaria to address the disease.
- Supports Center for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health clinical research for new diagnostics, treatments and interventions to prevent, cure and control malaria.
- Authorizes \$5 billion in funding for programs to combat malaria for FY 2009-2013 out of the overall amounts authorized by the Act.

House Report 110-546:

Part 1: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Part 2: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Full Committee Mark-up:

[Full Committee Meeting](#): H.R. 5501, The Tom Lantos and Henry J. Hyde United States Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008, February 27, 2008

[National Journal Report](#)

Opening Statement: [Chairman Berman](#)

[Webcast](#)

Summary of Committee Vote:

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the Full House by **Voice Vote**.

CRS Reports:

[RL33396](#), The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria: Progress Report and Issues for Congress

[RL34192](#), PEPFAR: From Emergency to Sustainability

[RL33771](#), Trends in U.S. Global AIDS Spending: FY2000-FY2008

[RL33485](#), U.S. International HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Spending: FY2004-FY2008

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

CBO Report:

[Cost Estimate](#): Ordered Reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs

Full Committee Hearing:

[The President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Is It Fulfilling the Nutrition and Food Security Needs of People Living with HIV/AIDS?>>](#)

October 9, 2007 Hearing — Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health

- Witness Testimony: [The Honorable Donald M. Payne](#), [The Honorable Mark R. Dybul](#), [Robert Einterz, Ph.D.](#), [Mr. Walleigne A. Beriye](#), [Ms. Annemarie Reilly](#)
- [Transcript](#), [Webcast](#)

[PEPFAR Reauthorization: From Emergency to Sustainability>>](#)

September 25, 2007 Hearing — Full Committee on Foreign Affairs

- Witness Testimony: [The Honorable Tom Lantos](#), [Helene Gayle, MD, MPH](#), [Joia Stapleton Mukherjee, MD, MPH](#), [Nils Daulaire, MD, MPH](#), [Norman Hearst, MD, MPH](#)
- [Transcript](#), [Webcast](#)

[Briefing and Hearing: "Malaria Awareness Day: Leveraging Progress for Future Advances">>](#)

April 25, 2007 Hearing — Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health

- Witness Testimony: [The Honorable Donald M. Payne](#), [The Honorable Christopher H. Smith](#), [Admiral Timothy Ziemer, USN \(Retired\)](#), [Stefano Lazzari, M.D.](#), [Nils Daulaire, M.D., M.P.H.](#), [Ms. Adel Chaouch](#), [Ms. Enid Wamani](#), [Ms. Susan Lassen](#)
- [Transcript](#)

[PEPFAR: An Assessment of Progress and Challenges>>](#)

April 24, 2007 Hearing — Full Committee

- Witness Testimony: [The Honorable Tom Lantos](#), [The Honorable Mark R. Dybul](#)
- [Transcript](#), [Webcast](#)

[Briefing and Hearing: "The Global Threat of Drug-Resistant TB: A Call to Action for World TB Day">>](#)

March 21, 2007 Hearing — Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health

- Witness Testimony: [The Honorable Donald M. Payne](#), [The Honorable Christopher H. Smith](#), [Mario Raviglione, M.D.](#), [The Honorable Eliot L. Engel](#), [The Honorable Mark R. Dybul](#), [The Honorable Kent R. Hill](#), [Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H.](#), [Joia Mukherjee, M.D., M.P.H.](#), [Elena McEwan, M.D.](#)
- [Transcript](#), [Webcast](#)

Organization Statements:

(TBA)

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

[Key Provisions of HR 5501>>](#)

[Summary of Compromise on Global HIV/AIDS Bill>>](#)

Fact Sheet —Committee on Foreign Affairs

[Section by Section Analysis of Global HIV/AIDS Bill>>](#)

Fact Sheet —Committee on Foreign Affairs

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

[Committee Approves Landmark Renewal of U.S. Global AIDS Prevention Effort](#) —

Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 27, 2008

[Pact Would Give Global AIDS Fight Triple the Money](#) — Washington Post, February 28, 2008

[The Global AIDS Fight](#) — New York Times Editorial, February 29, 2008

[Chairman Lantos Disappointed by Republican Road Blocks to Successful HIV/AIDS Prevention](#) — Committee on Foreign Affairs, February 7, 2008

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of H.R. 5501](#)

H.R. 4847 – U.S. FIRE ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION (Rep. Mitchell – Science and Technology) (Subject to a Rule)

Bill Text: [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)
[Bill Summary and Status](#)

Rules Committee: Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at 3:30 p.m. in H-313 the Capitol, [Special Announcement](#), [Amendment Deadline: 10:00am Wednesday 4/2](#), [Text of Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute](#)

Committee: [Committee on Science and Technology](#)

Committee Staff Contact: 5-6375

LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:

AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Authorizes appropriations: \$70,000,000 for FY2009; \$72,100,000 for FY2010; \$74,263,000 for FY2011; and \$76,490,890 for FY2012.

NATIONAL FIRE ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAM MODIFICATIONS AND REPORTS

Amends the list of training activities the National Fire Academy is authorized to engage in by expanding response activities to national catastrophes of all types; authorizes training for response to large-scale fire events that involve multiple jurisdictions and stretch resources; authorizes training for firefighting activities in the wildland-urban interface; authorizes training for fire and emergencies involving hazardous materials; and authorizes training for advanced issues related to emergency medical services.

Requires the Administrator to include a description of any changes to the National Fire Academy curriculum in every third annual USFA report to Congress.

Authorizes the Administrator to enter into contracts to provide on-site training through third-party organizations. Such organizations must either provide training that leads to certification accredited by a relevant nationally recognized accreditation organization or, at the time of the agreement, provide similar training to another Federal agency.

Requires the Administrator to consolidate and integrate into the National Fire Academy curriculum a course on incident command for fires in marine and port environments into the National Fire Academy's incident command training.

NATIONAL FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Authorizes the Administrator to use a maximum of \$5 million dollars from the total appropriated over the years FY2009 to FY2011 to upgrade the National Fire incident Reporting System.

FIRE TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE AND DISSEMINATION

Authorizes USFA to assist the Nation's fire service by developing equipment, best practices, and new knowledge to address fire suppression and prevention for fires in the wildland-urban interface.

Requires USFA to maintain a web database of activities the agency funds related to trends, new knowledge, and best practices in firefighting.

ENCOURAGING THE ADOPTION OF STANDARDS FOR FIREFIGHTER HEALTH AND SAFETY

Directs the Administrator to promote the adoption of national voluntary consensus standards for firefighter health and safety by educating the fire service, encouraging their adoption at all levels of government and making recommendations on other ways the Federal government can encourage state, local, and federal fire agencies to comply with these standards.

COORDINATION ON FIRE SERVICE-BASED EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Amends Section 21(e) of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 by directing the Administrator to include fire service-based emergency medical services in his liaison and coordination activities across the Federal government.

Authorizes the Administrator to conduct studies, either directly or through contracts, on the operations and management aspects of fire service-based EMS.

House Report:

[HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

Full Committee Mark-up:

[Full Committee Markup -- H.R. 4847: The U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2008](#), February 27, 2008

[National Journal Report](#)

Opening Statements: [Rep. Bart Gordon](#), [Rep. Harry Mitchell](#), [Rep. David Wu](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- [Rep. Mitchell, D-Ariz Training Contracts Amendment](#) — Authorizes the U.S. Fire Administrator to enter into contracts with one or more nationally recognized third-party organizations to deliver U.S. Fire Administration training. It also broadens the type of organizations with which the administrator is permitted to contract with to include those organizations, that at the time of contracting, offer training under a cooperative agreement with a federal agency. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Gingrey, R-Ga. Emergency Medical Services Amendment](#) — Authorizes the U.S. Fire administrator to conduct -- directly or through contracts or grants -- studies of the operations and management aspects of fire service-based emergency medical services as well as coordination between the emergency medical services and the fire services. The studies can include the optimum protocols for on-scene care, the allocation of resources and the training requirements for fire service-based emergency medical services. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Richardson, D-Calif. Incident Command Training Amendment](#) — Requires the U.S. Fire Administration, within two years of the bill's enactment, and working in consultation with the superintendent of the National Fire Academy, to consolidate and integrate into the current academy curriculum a course on incident command training for fire service personnel for fighting fires at U.S. ports and in marine areas. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the Full House, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation Mark-up:

[Technology and Innovation Subcommittee Markup -- H.R. 4847: United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007](#), February 7, 2008

Opening Statement: [Rep. David Wu](#)

Summary of Committee Votes:

- [Rep. Mitchell, D-Ariz. Technical Changes Amendment](#) — Made a technical correction and clarified that certain standards related to fire personnel would comply with national voluntary consensus standards. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the Full Committee, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

CRS Reports:

[RS20071](#), United States Fire Administration: An Overview

GAO Reports:

(TBA)

CBO Report:

[Cost Estimate](#): Ordered Reported by the Committee on Science and Technology

Full Committee Hearing:

[The United States Fire Administration Reauthorization: Addressing the Priorities of the Nation's Fire Service>>](#)

October 2, 2007 Hearing — Full Committee

- Witness Testimony: [Mr. Gregory B. Cade](#), [Dr. Shyam-Sunder](#), [Dr. John R. Hall](#), [Chief Steven P. Westermann](#), [Captain Robert Livingston](#), [Chief Gordon Henderson](#)

Organization Statements:

[Support Letter](#): Congressional Fire Services Institute; International Association of Arson Investigators; International Association of Fire Chiefs; International Association of Fire Fighters; International Fire Service Training Association; National Fire Protection Association; National Volunteer Fire Council; North American Fire Training Directors

Administration Position:

(TBA)

Fact Sheets & Talking Points:

[Section by Section of New U.S. Fire Administration Reauthorization>>](#)

Fact Sheet — Committee on Science and Technology

Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:

[Committee Passes Legislation to Advance Green Transportation Research, Fire Safety and Border Security](#)

February 27, 2008 Press Release — Committee on Science and Technology

[Subcommittee Clears Bills That Engage Research and Technology in Addressing Matters of Security, Green Transportation and Fire Safety](#)

February 7, 2008 Press Release — Committee on Science and Technology

[Subcommittee Explores the Priorities of the U.S. Fire Administration in Anticipation of Reauthorizing USFA](#)

October 2, 2007 Press Release — Committee on Science and Technology

Other Resources:

[Cosponsors of H.R. 4847](#)